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Major Modleski is a member of the Air Force Association as well as the Air Force Daedalians. He is also a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

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RECOGNITION OF COBB FAMILY RESOURCES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, forty years ago Cobb County, Georgia, witnessed the beginning of an exemplary non-profit organization. The original idea, conceived by its three founders, Fred Bentley Sr., Howard Ector, and Harry Holliday, was the formation of an entity that would unite the social service efforts of six existing emergency aid agencies into one effective unit to be more cost effective and efficient.

In its humble beginnings, with a part-time director and three staff members, the organization was incorporated as Cobb County Emergency Aid Association, Inc. on May 17, 1960, and offered, as its name suggests, help of a short-term nature.

Supported by donations from the community, aided by volunteer efforts, and a board of dedicated local citizens, the organization continued to grow, expanding its assistance to the needy of Cobb County. The agency offered financial aid, food, clothing, and medical supplies to help low income people with temporary setbacks. This emergency aid allowed families and individuals to address the immediate need in their lives.

Even greater assistance was ahead for the needy of Cobb County. In the mid 1980's, Cobb Family Resources, as the organization was later renamed, was fortunate to work with the federal government on programs offering family self-sufficiency and emergency housing for homeless families. With the federal government's policy direction and funding assistance, the agency adopted an effective case-management philosophy which continues today to be the successful core for each of its many programs. Also, with the federal government's assistance in the 1980's, Cobb Family Resources was able to buy its own facility and to expand its housing program for homeless families to include transitional housing and supportive services for long-term help.

Now, after 40 years of service to the community, through the partnership of public, private, and government efforts, Cobb Family Resources is a universally-recognized leader in serving the needs of low-income and homeless individuals and families in Cobb County, and in changing dependency into self-sufficiency. The housing program, for example, requires clients to have a job or be a full-time student. Residents are required to take Life skills classes, Budget courses, and open a savings account. Tutoring programs are offered for youth, and, for adults, GED training

and employment skills, such as resume writing and interviewing techniques.

Let me leave you with the words of a former Cobb Family Resources' client who received help with housing, resume writing, and employment skills; she said:

Having an organization such as Cobb Family Resources really gives single mothers such as myself an opportunity for growth and improvement. When I came to know this agency, I really did not have any idea the relationship that was about to develop. I was simply seeking help to pay my rent due to a sudden lay-off.

I am no stranger to hard work. I am no stranger to hard times. I grew up in one of Atlanta's largest public housing projects . . . but I always strived for better things in my life. Sometimes it seemed as if my hard work was in vain, and then came [Cobb Family Resources].

What Cobb Family Resources has that most organizations of its kind does not, is the help you receive to become self-sufficient. My income that was once poverty level has increased dramatically in the past year. I have better transportation and I no longer receive any public assistance. I do not need it anymore because my job allows me to meet the needs of my family.

Cobb Family Resources provides the comprehensive, organized approach to working with both generations in a family to provide them the tools and skills to take responsibility for themselves, to become—and, more importantly, to remain—self-sufficient and productive members of our community.

HONORING THE EVERETT ALVAREZ, JR. POST OFFICE

HON. CONSTANCE A. MORELLA

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am introducing legislation honoring one of our Nation's heroes. This bill will designate a post office in my district the Everett Alvarez, Jr. Post Office Building.

During his life, Mr. Alvarez has faithfully served his nation as a distinguished military officer and public servant. He joined the Navy in 1960 after earning a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from the University of Santa Clara. He also holds a master's degree in operations research and systems analysis as well as juris doctorate.

He served in program management at the Naval Air Systems Command before leaving the Navy in 1980. He was appointed Deputy Director of the Peace Corps in 1981 and was appointed by President Reagan to be Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration in 1982 where he stayed until 1986.

After leaving the Veterans Administration, Mr. Alvarez served as vice president for government services for the Hospital Corporation of America before forming his own consulting company, Conwal, Inc.

A dedicated civil servant, Mr. Alvarez is best known to the public as the first American aviator shot down over North Vietnam. He was taken prisoner of war on August 5, 1964, and held in North Vietnam for 8½ years, until the general release of prisoners on February 12, 1973.

Mr. Alvarez holds numerous military decorations for his courageous service. He has been

honored with the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit (with combat "V"), two Bronze Stars (with combat "V"), the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Purple Heart medals.

He continues to serve America and America's future by serving on the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences [USUHS], the Board of Directors of the National Graduate University, and the Board of Fellows of Santa Clara University. He has also served on the White House Fellows Selection Committee and on the Board of Directors of the Armed Services YMCA of the USA.

Mr. Alvarez's life stands as a testament to patriotism, courage, and perseverance. His story is an inspiration and it is with humility that I introduce this bill to honor him so.

CONGRATULATING THOMAS C. NORRIS ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. WILLIAM F. GOODLING

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 17, 2000

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, in September of 1952 I began my teaching, coaching and counseling career at Kennard Dale Junior Senior High School in Fawn Grove, PA. Besides teaching and counseling, I coached basketball, football, and baseball. On my football team was a tall, skinny lad from Stewartstown. He was my quarterback on the JV Football team that trounced Red Lion 56-6. He was a forward on the basketball team and first baseman on the baseball team. He will be always considered the all-American boy—a lad every parent could wish was their own.

Of course I expected big things from this young man, because his aunt was my wonderful, wonderful teacher in grades 1, 2, 3, and 4 in a one-room setting where she was the reading, writing, and arithmetic teacher as well as the music, art, special education teacher, counselor, psychologist and yes, she was also the custodian.

When I moved into the counseling position, one of the first people I helped with their effort to get scholarship money was this same all-American young man. The scholarship that was available was the first P.H. Glatfelter Company scholarship. The winner was this same young, all-American lad.

Now as Paul Harvey would say, "That was the rest of the story." You know the story of this lad's adult life. The first P.H. Glatfelter scholarship recipient became the CEO of the P.H. Glatfelter Company and a very active member of the community.

This skinny lad, who has now filled-out quite a bit since the tenth grade, is none other than the man of the hour you are honoring this evening. He was "Tommy Norris" who is now reverently known as "Thomas C. Norris." This remarkable gentleman has come a long, long way since his days as a small town boy from Stewartstown, PA.

I wish only the best for him and his family as he enjoys his retirement years.